

# COLUMBIA GORGE, 2022

## TASTING NOTES

- Fragrance Mountain air, wildflowers, dried herbs crushed between fingers, stone.
  - Energy A sudden cool shower on hot asphalt

### THE VINTAGE

A cold snowy Winter followed by vibrant Spring weather produced variable cluster sizing and small berries. The majority of the growing season was ideal. A significant mid-summer heat period pushed ripeness to above average levels but the deep volcanic soils in which these old vines are planted act as a cooling system that always help to retain the razoredge acidity typical for the Gorge and reminiscent of Chablis.

### VITALS

Vineyards	Celilo East & North
Varietals	100% Chardonnay
Clones	Wente, 76
Fermentation	In barrel, 100% native yeasts
Barrels / Coopers	300 & 400L seasoned French oak & stainless
ABV	14.2%
Barrel Aging	18 months
Filtering / Fining	None
Bottled	March 2024
Total SO2	< 85 ppm
Production	150 cases
Release	Spring 2024
Winery Retail	\$50
Artwork	Oil transfer print by Christian Letts

### WhaleSongChardonnay.com